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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Agricultural Marketing Service

[Docket No. FV-08-381]

Fruit and Vegetable Industry Advisory Committee

AGENCY: Agricultural Marketing Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of public meeting.

SUMMARY: The purpose of this notice is to notify all interested parties that the Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS) will hold a Fruit and Vegetable Industry Advisory Committee (Committee) meeting that is open to the public. The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) established the Committee to examine the full spectrum of issues faced by the fruit and vegetable industry and to provide suggestions and ideas to the Secretary of Agriculture on how USDA can tailor its programs to meet the fruit and vegetable industry's needs. This notice sets forth the schedule and location for the meeting.

DATES: Tuesday, February 24, 2009, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Wednesday, February 25, 2009, from 8 a.m. to 12 noon.

ADDRESSES: The first day of the Committee meeting will be held at the Crowne Plaza Hotel, 1480 Crystal Drive, Arlington, VA 22202, and the second day will be held at the USDA South Building, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW., Room 3501-S, Washington, DC 20250.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Andrew Hatch, Designated Federal Official, USDA, AMS, Fruit and Vegetable Programs. Telephone: (202) 690-0182. Facsimile: (202) 720-0016. E-mail: andrew.hatch@usda.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Pursuant to the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA) (5 U.S.C. App. II), the Secretary of Agriculture established the Committee in August 2001 to examine

the full spectrum of issues faced by the fruit and vegetable industry and to provide suggestions and ideas to the Secretary on how USDA can tailor its programs to meet the fruit and vegetable industry's needs. The Committee was re-chartered in July 2003, June 2005 and again in May 2007 with new members appointed by USDA from industry nominations. This is the Committee's final meeting under the current 2-year charter.

AMS Deputy Administrator for Fruit and Vegetable Programs, Robert C. Keeney, serves as the Committee's Executive Secretary. Representatives from USDA mission areas and other government agencies affecting the fruit and vegetable industry will be called upon to participate in the Committee's meetings as determined by the Committee Chairperson. AMS is giving notice of the Committee meeting to the public so that they may attend and present their recommendations. Reference the date and address section of this announcement for the time and place of the meeting.

Topics of discussion at the Committee meeting will include: Perishable Agricultural Commodities Act license fees, labor and immigration legislation, the National Organic Program, and a review of products, including fresh-cut items, that USDA purchases for the National School Lunch Program and other domestic outlets. Additional agenda items can be expected.

Those parties that would like to speak at the meeting should register on or before February 6, 2009. To register as a speaker, please e-mail your name, affiliation, business address, e-mail address, and phone number to Mr. Andrew Hatch at:

andrew.hatch@usda.gov or facsimile to (202) 720-0016. Speakers who have registered in advance receive priority. Groups and individuals may submit comments for the Committee's consideration to the same e-mail address. The meeting will be recorded, and information about obtaining a transcript will be provided at the meeting.

The Secretary of Agriculture selected a diverse group of members representing a broad spectrum of persons interested in providing suggestions and ideas on how USDA can tailor its programs to meet the fruit and vegetable industry's needs. Equal opportunity practices were

considered in all appointments to the Committee in accordance with USDA policies.

If you require special accommodations, such as a sign language interpreter, please use the contact name listed above.

Dated: December 10, 2008.

James E. Link,

Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Agricultural Marketing Service

[Docket No. AMS-LS-08-0101]

Notice of Opportunity To Participate in the Lamb Promotion, Research, and Information Program Referendum

AGENCY: Agricultural Marketing Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS) is announcing that a referendum will be conducted under the Lamb Promotion, Research, and Information Order (Order) to determine whether those persons voting favor the continuance of the Order.

DATES: This referendum will be conducted during a 4-week period beginning on February 2, 2009, and ending on February 27, 2009. To be eligible to participate in the referendum, persons must certify and provide supporting documentation that shows they, or the entity they are authorized to represent, have been engaged in the production, feeding, or slaughter of lambs between January 1, 2008 and December 31, 2008.

Form LS-86, Lamb Promotion, Research, and Information Referendum, may be obtained by mail, fax, or in person from the Farm Service Agency (FSA) county offices from February 2, 2009 through February 27, 2009. Form LS-86 may also be obtained via the Internet at: <http://www.ams.usda.gov/LSMarketingPrograms> during the same time period. Completed forms and supporting documentation must be returned to the appropriate county FSA offices by fax or in person no later than close of business February 27, 2009, or if returned by mail must be postmarked

by midnight February 27, 2009, and received in the county FSA office by close of business on March 6, 2009.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Kenneth R. Payne, Chief, Marketing Programs Branch, on (202) 720-1115, fax (202) 720-1125, or by e-mail at Kenneth.Payne@usda.gov or Rick Pinkston, USDA, Farm Service Agency (FSA), Field Operations Staff, on (202) 720-1857, fax (202) 720-1096, or by e-mail on rick.pinkston@wdc.usda.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Pursuant to the Commodity Promotion, Research, and Information Act of 1996 (Act) (7 U.S.C. 7411-7425), it is hereby directed that a referendum be conducted to ascertain whether continuance of the Order is favored by those persons who have been engaged in the production, feeding, or slaughtering of lamb from January 1, 2008 through December 31, 2008. The Act requires that a referendum to ascertain approval of an Order must be conducted no later than 3 years after assessments first begin. Assessments began on July 1, 2002. A referendum of lamb producers, feeders, seedstock producers, and first handlers of lamb and lamb products was conducted from January 31, 2005 through February 28, 2005. A majority of the participants voted in favor of the continuation of the Order. The Act also requires a subsequent referendum on the Order be conducted no later than 7 years after assessments first begin. Thus, USDA is required to conduct a nationwide referendum among persons subject to the assessment by July 1, 2009. The Order will continue if a majority of those persons voting, who also represent a majority of the volume of lambs, vote in favor of continuing the program. If the continuation of the Order is not approved by eligible persons voting in the referendum, USDA will begin the process of terminating the program.

The representative period for establishing voter eligibility for the referendum shall be the period from January 1, 2008 through December 31, 2008. Persons who were engaged in the production, feeding, or slaughtering of lambs and who provide documentation, such as a sales receipt or remittance form, showing that they were engaged in the production, feeding, or slaughter of lambs from January 1, 2008 through December 31, 2008 are eligible to vote.

Eligible voters will be provided the opportunity to vote at the county FSA office where FSA maintains and processes the eligible voter's administrative farm records. For the eligible voter not participating in FSA programs, the opportunity to vote will

be provided at the FSA office serving the county where the person owns or rents land. Participation in the referendum is not mandatory.

Procedures used in conducting this referendum are set forth in 7 CFR part 1208, subpart E. A final rule amending this subpart is published in this issue of the **Federal Register**.

Pursuant to the Act, USDA is conducting the required referendum beginning February 2, 2009 through February 27, 2009.

Form LS-86 may be requested in person, by mail, or by facsimile from February 2, 2009 through February 27, 2009. Form LS-86 may also be obtained via the Internet at: <http://www.ams.usda.gov/LSMarketingPrograms> during the same 4-week period. Eligible voters would vote at the FSA office where FSA maintains and processes the person's, corporation's, or other entity's administrative farm records. For the person, corporation, or other entity eligible to vote that does not participate in FSA programs, the opportunity to vote would be provided at the FSA office serving the county where the person, corporation, or other entity owns or rents land.

Voters can determine the location of county FSA offices by contacting (1) The nearest FSA office, (2) the State FSA office, or (3) through an online search of FSA's Web site at: <http://www.fsa.usda.gov/pas/default.asp>. From the options available on this Web site select "Your local office," click on your State, and click on the map to select a county.

Form LS-86 and supporting documentation may be returned in person, by mail, or facsimile to the appropriate county FSA office. Form LS-86, and accompanying documentation returned in person or by facsimile, must be received in the appropriate FSA office prior to the close of business on February 27, 2009. Form LS-86 and accompanying documentation returned by mail must be postmarked no later than midnight of February 27, 2009, and received in the county office by close of business on March 6, 2009.

In accordance with Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35), the information collection requirements have been approved under OMB number 0581-0093.

Authority: 7 U.S.C. 7411-7425 and 7 U.S.C. 7401.

Dated: December 10, 2008.

James E. Link,

Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Commodity Credit Corporation

Notice of Finding of No Significant Impact on the Final Programmatic Environmental Assessment for 2008 Farm Bill Provisions Regarding the Conservation Reserve Program

AGENCY: Commodity Credit Corporation, USDA.

ACTION: Notice; Finding of No Significant Impact.

SUMMARY: This notice announces that the Commodity Credit Corporation (CCC) has completed a Final Programmatic Environmental Assessment (PEA) and is issuing a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) with respect to the implementation of changes to the Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) and changes to the Farmable Wetlands Program (FWP) authorized by the Food, Conservation, and Energy Act of 2008 (2008 Farm Bill). FWP operates as part of CRP.

DATES: We will consider comments that we receive by January 15, 2009.

ADDRESSES: We invite you to submit comments on this Final PEA. In your comments, include the volume, date, and page number of this issue of the **Federal Register**. You may submit comments by any of the following methods:

- **Federal eRulemaking Portal:** Go to <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the online instructions for submitting comments.

- **E-Mail:** 2008crpfbill@geo-marine.com.

- **Fax:** (202) 720-4619.

- **Mail:** 2008 Farm Bill PEA

Comments, c/o Geo-marine Incorporated, 2713 Magruder Boulevard, Suite D, Hampton, Virginia 23666.

- **Hand Delivery or Courier:** Deliver comments to the above address.

Comments may be inspected in the Office of the Director, CEPD, FSA, USDA, 1400 Independence Ave., SW., Room 4709 South Building, Washington, DC, between 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, except holidays. A copy of the FONSI and Final PEA is available through the FSA home page at <http://www.fsa.usda.gov/FSA/webapp?>